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SUBJ: IAEA SAFEGUARDS AT TARAPUR REPROCESSING PLANT

REF: A) IAEA VIENNA 2928

B) STATE 86500

1. I BELIEVE IT WOULD BE HELPFUL TO OUR RELATIONS WITH INDIAN
IAEC AND PARTICULARLY WITH SETHNA IF AMBASSADOR STONE WERE TO
TELL IAEA'S DIRECTOR GENERAL THAT WE BELIEVE AGENCY SHOULD BE
MORE SELECTIVE IN CHOOSING INSPECTORS FOR KEY FACILITIES LIKE
REPROCESSING PLANTS, AS URGED BY SETHNA. ON TWO OCCASIONS IN
PAST WEEKS, WHILE AWAITING TYPISTS TO COMPLETE DRAFTS WE WERE
JOINTLY CONSIDERING, SETHNA ADVERTED TO HIS CONTINUING CONCERN
OVER USE OF IAEA INSPECTORS WHO WERE NOT NATIONALS OF COUNTRIES
POSSESSING KEY FACILITIES SUCH AS FUEL REPROCESSING PLANTS. ON
ONE OCCASIONS, HE SAID THAT HE WAS SO FRUSTRATED THAT HE WAS
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CONSIDERING POSTPONING INITIATION OF OPERATIONS AT HIS REPRO-

CESSING PLANT RATHER THAN OPEN IT TO AN INSPECTOR FROM A NON-NUCLEAR DEVELOPING COUNTRY PROPOSED BY IAEA. HE REMAINS CONVINCED THAT SUCH OFFICIALS WILL BECOME AGENTS FOR PROLIFERATION OF THIS SENSITIVE TECHNOLOGY.

2. ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS RECENTLY SETHNA REMARKED THAT HIS REJECTION OF INSPECTORS NOT NATIONALS OF NUCLEAR POWERS SIMPLY SEEMS TO STIMULATE IAEA TO DESIGNATE MORE OF THE SAME TYPE, SO HIS VETO IS NOT EFFECTIVE IN MOVING IAEA IN THE DIRECTION HE SEEKS. MOREOVER, SUCH VETOES OPEN HIM MORE AND MORE TO THE CHARGE THAT HE IS OBSTRUCTING EFFECTIVE IMPLEMENTATION OF SAFEGUARDS. HE FINDS THIS POSITION UNCOMFORTABLE AND IS PERPLEXED OVER OUR REFUSAL TO SUPPORT HIS EFFORTS TO HAVE IAEA DESIGNATE INSPECTORS WHO ARE NATIONALS OF COUNTRIES ALREADY POSSESSING REPROCESSING PLANTS. I EXPECT THAT HE WILL EXTEND HIS REASONING TO MIXED OXIDE FUEL FABRICATION FACILITIES AS SOON AS HIS TROMBAY FACILITY STARTS PROCESSING MATERIAL SUBJECT TO SAFEGUARDS.

3. I AM QUITE CERTAIN THAT THE TYPE OF INTERVENTION PROPOSED BY AMBASSADOR STONE WOULD GO FAR TO REASSURE SETHNA THAT WE SHARE HIS CONCERN AND OF OUR DESIRE TO COOPERATE WITH HIM IN GETTING A SUITABLE RESOLUTION OF HIS PROBLEM. SIGNED COURTNEY
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